consonance with and are similar to rules and procedures followed by other National Governments. Investigations are completed as per the time norms and other procedures prescribed in the rules.

Study of the working of foreign TV channels

*207. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make a full fledged study of the working of the foreign TV channels, since the CBDT is bereft of any idea of their working;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to ensure that they pay the actual tax on their revenue earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal. According to information given by Finance Ministry, foreign telecasting companies are taxable in accordance with the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and the Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty applicable to them.

Foreign telecasting companies have paid Rs. 71.21 Crores as income tax during the past four assessment years.

Status of Guru Gobind Singh Oil Refinery in Punjab

*208. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 18 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 2000 and state the status, as on date, regarding Guru Gobind Singh Oil Refinery in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAM NAIK): Government of India had approved the 9 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) capacity grass-root refinery in the State of Punjab at a cost of Rs. 9806 crore which will be implemented by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) as a joint venture. In their letter dated April 18, 2000 Government of India had approved an amount of Rs. 300 crore for taking up certain construction activities of the project. All environmental clearances for the Punjab Refinery Project as well as linked project have been received. All major statutory approvals have also been obtained. 200 acres of land has been acquired for the project and secured by construction of a boundary wall. A detailed pipeline route survey of the proposed crude oil pipeline from Gujarat to Bhatinda has been completed. The construction activities based on the sanction of Rs. 300 crore have been taken up by HPCL.

Reservation for SCs/STs in promotion

*209. SHRI R. N. ARYA:
SHRI GANDHI AZAD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation in promotion for the SCs/STs is restricted to the lowest rung of class-I service only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the circumstances under which the restriction was imposed;

(c) the reasons for not extending reservation policy to the higher rungs of services and appointments as provided under article 16(4A) incorporated in the Constitution through the 77th Amendment Act, making provisions for reservation in matters of promotions to any class of service; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for safe-guarding the interest of these categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI